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3 TO: The Commission  
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14 SUBJECT: MUR 7085 (State Tea Party Express)  
15 Pre-Probable Cause Conciliation  
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18 On June 14, 2016, the Commission found reason to believe that the State Tea Party  
19 Express violated 52 U.S.C. § 30104(c) and 11 C.F.R. § 109.10(b) and (e) by failing to timely file  
20 its 2014 July Quarterly Report regarding independent expenditures made and contributions  
21 received. See Certification, MUR 7085 (June 14, 2016). The Commission authorized the Office  
22 of General Counsel to attempt to settle this violation through pre-probable cause conciliation and  
23 approved a proposed conciliation agreement. Attached is a revised agreement negotiated with  
24 the State Tea Party Express which would resolve the violation. We recommend that the  
25 Commission accept the agreement and close the file.  
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35 We believe this negotiated settlement represents an acceptable resolution of this matter.  
36 We therefore recommend that the Commission accept the attached signed conciliation agreement  
37 and close the file.  
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**RECOMMENDATIONS**

1. Accept the attached signed conciliation agreement with State Tea Party Express.
2. Approve the appropriate letter.
3. Close the file.

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